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CHASE FOR SOCCER TITLE BEGINS AGAIN TO-DAY

By PAUL MCKENZIE

It's on again—as from today. The 1964 Northern Soccer League's premiership season begins on a note of high promise, with one match this afternoon and four tomorrow.

This is a season to make or break Soccer in its bid to be No. 1 football code in the North. I'm confident enough to suggest that much will be done before the last premiership series is played on August 16 to bring that position much closer.

Official surveys show that more than 10,000 will play Soccer in the County of Northumberland area this season—and no code can match that. The great need is for a rise in playing standards but, with more coaching than ever being available the rise, barely evident at the moment, should take a sharp upward trend before long.

There are more, and better, juniors in Soccer now than ever before. It is to them that we must look for the advance which is needed. The players who have done so well for so long are nearing the end of their playing days and a new generation, which has had the benefit of coaching in recent years, is ready to take over. And the sooner the better.

The North has the Soccer talent—youthful talent of much potential. It is up to the clubs to use it and use it properly.

The North is to send an under 19 team to Adelaide in September to compete in

the Australian junior championship. What a great team it can field! It is to be hoped the Northern League does not long delay naming a squad, with the object of having it properly trained and coached ready for the bid in Adelaide. It is this under 19 side which can revive the North's Soccer fortunes for, in it, the North will have a ready-made side for the future.

The visit by Everton, one of England's top club sides, is a highlight of the season but visits by interstate teams will also give a fillip to the game. It is a feather in Soccer's cap that it will have an overseas side and three interstate teams paying visits in the one season.

What of the First Division premiership? Clubs have had the chance to form teams by their participation in the Ampol and Daniels Cup competitions. Enthusiasts have made up their minds as to which will be the strong and which the weak, but premiership football is so different to the hurly-burly of knock-out competitions that judgement should not be unduly hasty.

Wallsend, as winner of the Ampol Cup and a finalist, with Cardiff in the Daniels Cup, has emerged as the top side but there is a long way to go before it can reach its ambition to scoop the pool. Other teams will emerge to challenge those sides which, on pre-premier-ship form, seem the strongest claimants to the title.

The one match today is that at Mayfield, where Mayfield United will meet Lake Macquarie. Mayfield gave a fine display of mo-

bile football on Sunday when it defeated West Wallsend in a trial match at Wallsend, but Lake Macquarie disappointed in the Daniels Cup replay at the same ground on Friday night.

Mayfield United, which is back in the First Division after a season in the Second Division, played with great determination against West Wallsend and suggested it will be a side hard to beat. Lake Macquarie apparently cannot find someone to score goals for it. Its football in midfield is intelligent and entertaining but the side falters when without scoring distance. It must overcome the lack if it is to win at Mayfield.

Each of the four matches tomorrow should be worth seeing.

There should be a big crowd at Wallsend to see the home side battle it out with Newcastle Austral, another team not scoring as many goals as its approach plays merits. The forward line is not settling down and, on recent showings, will find it difficult to pierce the rugged Wallsend defence while Wallsend's forward line should do well enough, even against the opposition of Tommy Garrett, to keep the side in front.

Another big crowd is likely at Cardiff where Adamstown will be the visitor. Cardiff proved itself last Sunday when it defeated Newcastle Austral in the Daniels Cup semi-final and while Adamstown may have a surprise or two up its sleeve, one wonders if it

AN EXPERT LOOKS FOR CLOSE, KEEN TUSSLE

By "SPOT KICK"—one of the North's most authoritative Soccer writers
Just what has the 1964 season in store for the ever-increasing band of Northern Soccer faithfuls?

There are so many teams in the premiership with a fine chance of winning top honours!

Already, Wallsend has landed the Ampol Cup, so proving that the "Reds" are anything but a spent force—and Wallsend has also reached, with Cardiff, the final of the Daniels Cup.

Is this to be Wallsend's year in which it will scoop the pool? Time will tell.

Mayfield United gains a big welcome on its return to the First Division and some good performances are expected from Bill Sheehan

and his merry Mayfield men.
The visit of the English Football Association Champion, Everton, is the big event of the season.

Although naturally disappointed that the Northern N.S.W. v. Everton fixture will be played on a Wednesday, instead of on a Sunday, we must be thankful that the famous "Toffemen of Liverpool" will visit the Steel City.

The full Everton contingent to make the trip has not yet been announced but, such names as Scottish in-

ternationals Alex Parker, Jim Gabriel, Alex Scott and Alex Young, the Welsh skipper, Roy Vernon, and English representative Tony Kay, make one's mouth water with anticipation at seeing these "greats" in action.

No doubt a mass exodus of Newcastle Soccer followers will head for Sydney on the day of the first Test there, when the Kelly-selected Australian side will do battle against the famed Mersey-siders.

As well as the visit by Everton, we can look forward to visits from interstate visitors from Sydney (so called interstaters for the purpose of this competition), from South Australia and from Tasmania.

Our lads from the North did not fare too well against Western Australia or Victoria last season, but held a strong Queensland XI to a thrill-packed draw in shocking conditions.

Reverting to the "bread and butter" competition—the premiership series, there is no outright favourite.

The competition could follow last year's nerve-racking closeness, with the league table lead changing every other week, till the

final weekend, when Wallsend got up to take the minor title on goal average from its near neighbour, West Wallsend.

Does one realise that at the end of the 14th round in July, 1963, Adamstown and Newcastle Austral shared the two bottom positions on the points table? Yet both recovered so well that Austral gained a semi-final place, and Adamstown gained a lot of admirers with its courageous fight - back from a seemingly hopeless position.

We look to thrilling contests, goals aplenty, all games played in a sporting spirit and for our beloved Soccer code to make further advances till the day comes that Australia can take its proud place with other Soccer stronghold nations.

HERE WE ARE AGAIN!

Today brings with it a new series in the editions of "Northern Soccer"—and the opening of the 1964 Northern Soccer League's season. Both are events of some significance.

The staff of "Northern Soccer" aims to provide the North's growing army of enthusiasts with an up-to-the-minute cover of Soccer happenings and is eager to extend the paper's scope—something that can be done only by the constant support of those who play and follow the game.

Northern League officials are hopeful they can extend the growth of the game in many centres during the coming season. And so interests are mutual.
This paper and the game's officials are working towards one end—the welfare and growth of Soccer. Let's hope that, at the end of the season, both can write a story of rich success.

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President's Message

To Officials, Players and Spectators—

Welcome once again to "Northern Soccer News". I wish to take this opportunity of expressing the Northern Soccer Leagues thanks to the editor and all contributors of "Northern Soccer News" for the splendid contribution to the advancement of our code.

1964 season, after many sterling games in Ampol and Daniels Cup competitions is poised for an outstanding season of football in the Premiership competition.

During the off-season, Club officials have been busy in reconstructing their teams. There will be many new faces in each of the teams. I feel our most ardent enthusiast would hesitate to nominate the winner of the "Plummer Cup".

Despite 1963 being the wettest season on record, many clubs were able to record their best year. I am confident with an even break of weather conditions, 1964 will be the greatest of the Northern Soccer League.

One pleasing feature that during the non-playing season many clubs have devoted commendable attention to the playing surfaces and in some cases to the general appointments on the grounds.

Adamstown, Awaba at Toronto a much needed new grandstand, Lake Macquarie, Mayfield, Cardiff, Wallsend and West Wallsend have done a splendid job in generally improving their grounds. Such efforts have involved many hours of sacrifice and voluntary effort.

The Second and Third Divisions will be at full strength. Both these competitions will be keenly contested throughout.

A pleasing feature of the Third Division is the welcome addition of three new clubs — Stockton, Teachers College and Hamilton Azzurri. The last named club being one from the Italian community.

The Northern League has been most impressed by the work and enthusiasm of each of the clubs in these divisions. Here again clubs have given admirable attention to their grounds.

The highlights of this year's football will be firstly the eagerly anticipated visit of the Everton team in May. There will also be three Interstate games played in Newcastle, New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania. A further incentive for the younger players under 19 will be the Interstate carnival at Adelaide in September. In this competition in 1963 our lads did remarkably well reaching the final from a competition of six States.

A word of praise for our junior stalwarts. This year in team strength will be a record—over 400 teams in the totals of the three Junior Associations. A magnificent achievement and one that augurs well for the progress and continued advancement of the code. Our thanks and gratitude to officials, clubs and in particular team managers for their excellent achievements.

Wishing officials, players and spectators a most successful 1964 season in our game known throughout the World as the "Game for Millions".

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President of Northern Soccer League.

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FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS

Sunday, April 19

CESSNOCK v. MAITLAND

Gold with Black

1. M. BAMBACH
2. J. JARVIE
3. K. ROWBOTTOM
4. P. NELLIE
5. T. SNEDDON
6. C. BARR
7. D. McNULTY
8. B. WILLIAMS
9. C. ALMOND
10. J. BARR
11. A. JOHNS

White with Black

1. I. McFARLANE
2. S. ELLENBACHER
3. L. BUSH
4. J. MEIER
5. K. GRANT
6. H. SCHNEIDER
7. K. SIMON
8. N. SCOTT
9. I. THOMSON
10. K. LACHLAN
11. K. MIRISCH

Referee: W. Jones. Linesmen: A. Roberts, C. Jack.

WALLSEND v. NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL

Red with White

1. J. BURRIDGE
2. D. McKENZIE
3. K. NOLAN
4. B. DAVIES
5. D. MORROW
6. G. GREEN
7. B. MORROW
8. J. MORROW
9. K. WHITMORE
10. R. GILES
11. N. PRINGLE

Mauve with White

1. J. LANZONI
2. E. SOLOWSKI
3. R. DEAN
4. R. McKENZIE
5. T. GARRETT
6. D. HARVEY
7. K. SOLWAY
8. W. BARON
9. K. TWIDLE
10. R. LLOYD
11. W. BROUGH

Referee: T. Ayre. Linesmen: W. Gardiner, L. Mottershead.

CARDIFF v. ADAMSTOWN

Tangerine with White

1. G. TAYLOR
2. W. WALSTEAD
3. A. HOWE
4. C. MOORE
5. T. ICETON
6. J. O'BRIEN
7. C. HOBSON
8. C. MYERS
9. D. SCHIO
10. H. FAITH
11. M. BLACK

White with Red & Green

1. J. DORMAN
2. N. MADDISON
3. J. McINALLY
4. R. BAARTZ
5. B. DAYKIN
6. J. POWER
7. W. COOK
8. R. DOBBINS
9. W. COLLINS
10. A. SIMMONS
11. R. HOWELLS
12. C. CURRAN

One to be omitted

Referee: H. Lonsdale. Linesmen: J. Carlin, H. Hall.

WEST WALLSEND v. AWABA

Blue with White

1. R. PARKES
2. A. WILSON
3. C. COUTTS
4. R. SANGSTER
5. R. COOPER
6. B. PEARCE
7. K. IRWIN
8. W. GREEN
9. K. KAISER
10. A. ARHENS
11. J. SHEEN

Blue with Gold Stripes

1. A. HOURIGAN
2. J. PRETSWELL
3. J. DOLAN
4. W. FIELD
5. L. SHARPE
6. R. REYNOLDS
7. H. GOODSIR
8. D. NEWMAN
9. R. BURGOWNE
10. B. SHARPE
11. S. DUNNE

Referee: R. Roth. Linesmen: G. Muir, W. Turner.

Saturday, April 18

MAYFIELD UNITED v. LAKE MACQUARIE

Green with White

1. K. MINTER
2. R. BOSLOM
3. H. HUMPHRIES
4. W. SHEEN
5. A. WEST
6. A. LAMBKIN
7. B. LEWISHAM
8. A. SKELLEY
9. R. PRICE
10. J. BISSETT
11. K. ROSS

White with Blue & Gold

1. K. GABRIEL
2. W. WHITELAW
3. R. CLUME
4. J. WOODS
5. J. WELLHAM
6. L. WALSH
7. R. HERBERT
8. W. WRIGHT
9. T. PAVLAVIC
10. G. HINCHCLIFFE
11. G. MASCORD

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EVERTON v. AUSTRALIA
SYDNEY, MAY 16

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Doug Field to Awaba

Giving much jubilation to the Awaba camp is the news that Doug Field is now joining the already formidable line-up.

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Garratt Is Player Of Distinction

Tom Garrett, the North's most distinguished Soccer player, has high hopes that he can develop a team which will do the North proud when it meets Everton on May 27.

It won't be for the want of trying if he doesn't. Tom has definite ideas as to what is wanted and, since he knows more about the subject than anyone else, it is to be hoped he is not hamstrung by official interference.

It would be to the North's advantage if selectors completed the squad after talks with Garrett, and then handed the team over to him. He is prepared, and able, to accept such responsibility.

Tom Garrett comes from South Shields in County Durham, went to school at Easington, where his family lived for many years, and then played junior football with Horden, being in the club's under 18 team when only 15. Then a scout from Blackpool Club saw the young Garrett and quickly reached for forms which made young Thomas a junior member of the club.

During the second World War and when only 16, Garrett played at left full-back in a few matches for Blackpool. He was working as a miner at Easington when Blackpool signed him as a full-time professional when he was 17. Garrett held his place in the First Division side almost automatic-

ally, being a team-mate and close friend of the great Stanley Matthews whom he claims to be the best footballer ever to pull on a shoe.

Garrett played for England against Scotland at Hampden Park in 1951 and then, during the English Football Association side's tour of Europe in 1952, was a member of the side which played Italy at Florence. He was in England's team for the international match against Wales at Cardiff in 1953 and, in the same year, went with England's side on the South American tour, playing against Argentina at Buenos Aires. He was also a reserve for many international sides.

Garrett played with Blackpool in two English Cup finals at Wembley. In the first, in 1953, Blackpool went down to Newcastle United but the side won in 1953 when it defeated Bolton Wanderers, that being the match in which, says Tom, Matthews ran riot and cut the Bolton defence to ribbons.

Garrett came to Australia with the Blackpool side in 1958 and played with the side at Wallsend, where he now plays with Newcastle Austral in its home games.

Garrett is the only man in Australia with two English Cup medals—one for the 1953 success and one for the 1951 loss. Tommy Dawson, of Lake Macquarie, is one of the only two other players now in Australia with a Cup-winner's medal, the other being Bill Perry, who played with Blackpool in the same Cup final as did Garrett.

Joe Marston, of APIA the Australian who made good with Preston North End, is another to hold a Cup final medal, he having played in a losing side when in England.

—Paul MacKenzie

SOCCER TITLE CHASE

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4-2-4 game will succeed against the strong, young Cardiff side, in which the half-backs, Trevor Icton, Jack O'Brien and Colin Moore, are working into top form. And with Mervyn Black such a force in its forward line, Cardiff should be hard to beat.

West Wallsend and Awaba, which have not shown up as well as expected in the Cup competitions, meet at West Wallsend. It is much too early to say just what part the sides will play in the premiership but it can be taken for granted that they will win their share of matches. But, at the moment, I favour Awaba's chances in this match.

Cessnock and Maitland meet at Cessnock Sports Ground. Cessnock will have all its forces available and, as usual, will be hard to beat on its own ground. Maitland is still waiting for some English and Scots players to arrive to bolster up its side but indications are that it will have a fairly good team for tomorrow. But one must lean towards the young, enthusiastic Cessnock players.

First Division Premiership Fixtures - 1964

ROUNDS 1 and 10
April 18-19; June 20-21

Cessnock v. Maitland
Mayfield v. Lake Macquarie
Wallsend v. Ncle. Australs
Cardiff v. Adamstown
West Wallsend v. Awaba

ROUNDS 2 and 11
April 25-26; June 27-28

West Wallsend v. Cessnock
Awaba v. Cardiff
Adamstown v. Wallsend
Ncle. Australs v. Mayfield
Lake Macquarie v. Maitland

ROUNDS 3 and 12
May 2-3; July 4-5

Cessnock v. Lake Macquarie
Maitland v. Ncle. Australs
Mayfield v. Adamstown
Wallsend v. Awaba
Cardiff v. West Wallsend

ROUNDS 4 and 13
May 9-10; July 11-12

Cardiff v. Cessnock
West Wallsend v. Wallsend
Awaba v. Mayfield
Adamstown v. Maitland
Ncle. Austral v. Lake Macq.

ROUNDS 5 and 14
May 16; July 18-19

Cessnock v. Ncle. Australs
Lake Macq. v. Adamstown
Maitland v. Awaba
Mayfield v. West Wallsend
Wallsend v. Cardiff

ROUNDS 6 and 15
May 23-24; July 25-26

Wallsend v. Cessnock
Cardiff v. Mayfield
West Wallsend v. Maitland
Awaba v. Lake Macquarie
Adamstown v. Ncle Austral

ROUNDS 7 and 16
May 30-31; August 1-2

Cessnock v. Adamstown
Ncle Australs v. Awaba
Lake Macq. v. West Walls.
Maitland v. Cardiff
Mayfield v. Wallsend

ROUNDS 8 and 17
June 6-7; August 8-9

Mayfield v. Cessnock
Wallsend v. Maitland
Cardiff v. Lake Macquarie
West Walls. v. Ncle. Austral
Awaba v. Adamstown

ROUNDS 9 and 18
June 13-14; August 15-16

Cessnock v. Awaba
Adamstown v. West Walls.
Ncle. Australs v. Cardiff
Lake Macquarie v. Wallsend
Maitland v. Mayfield



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SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES By "TIKI"

This weekend sees the opening of the 1964 2nd Division premiership and would appear to be a season that will eclipse all previous seasons.

Merewether will have the honour of being the first team to play in competition the newly promoted Third Division club Dudley-Redhead and will find them a very worthy and formidable opponent who should enter strongly into calculation as the season progresses.

Unfortunately Merewether has lost some four or five of their better players from last season and must commence a steady programme of team building and with some very promising younger players signed up they should build into a reasonable team but that will take a few weeks and for that reason I am going for a win for Dudley-Redhead.

Jesmond will be at home to Young Wallsend on Sunday and after their giant-killing feats in the Daniels

Cup (defeating Cessnock and Adamstown), one cannot get past the home team as the winner.

Charlestown, a relatively unknown quantity at the moment is opposed to Pan Hellenic who have built up a reasonably strong team and have been training hard, so much so that I think their better physical condition will defeat Charlestown.

Kearsley will play host to Slavia United and the tough mining community will be all out to their visitors. This will be no easy task as Slavia has built up since the end of last season and provided they do not allow the robust play of Kearsley upset them they should return home with the two points.

The remaining fixture will be one of the outstanding matches of the whole premiership for in it Belmont-Swansea v. Weston.

The Third Division 1964 premiership commenced last weekend and so will proceed to the second round.

Three new teams are in this competition, namely Newcastle Teachers College, Stockton and Hamilton Azzuri who are at present using S. & L. ground, Newcastle Tech. and Teachers College share one ground, No. 2 Oval at Tighes Hill and Stockton is whilst sharing the ground during the season with Nelson Bay, will play at Stockton Park.

Toronto Diggers journey to The Entrance on Sunday and should win as The Entrance are still having difficulty in obtaining experienced players due to being so far from Newcastle and probably the distance from Sydney.

Macquarie Wanderers will journey to Stockton to meet Nelson Bay and both these teams appear equal so an interesting match should result with the probable win-

ner being hard to determine. Teachers College play host to Bellbird and will probably find the more experienced Coalfields XI a little superior to them at this stage of the premiership.

Newcastle Tech. will journey to Barnsley and once again we should see a really close match eventuate with the winner difficult to again determine.

Hamilton Azzuri have their home fixture and will be opposed to South Wallsend.

The Azzuri team have given some shocks in trial games so far this season and they could easily settle down into a team of worth calibre.

It was decided for the 1964 premiership, eleven teams would participate and in 1965 revert back to the ten teams — the idea being that the team finishing at the bottom of the premiership will automatically drop out unless another team drops out.

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SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1964

- Here and There -

Two Scotsmen will slip somewhat unobtrusively into the Cardiff camp during the next few days. Cardiff deserves a pat on the back for its refusal to make a big to-do about the fact. The announcement was made without any of the 'bravura' about the Scots being the best players ever to come to Australia — such as we hear on so many cases. John Murray, the club president, merely said it was hoped they would turn out well and that, according to their records, they should help the club. Such reticence is to be praised. Too often we are told that players on the way to these shores are the tops, only for them to prove weak reeds. Cardiff's

two, Jock Sneddon, a 24-year-old 5ft. 3in. tall winger, and Jim McNairn, a 22-year-old half-back, have played in good class football in Scotland and should do well, but are fortunate they don't have to live up to extravagant claims.

The Everton players will have a few days in Newcastle before meeting the Northern side on May 27 at Newcastle Sports Ground. They will arrive in Newcastle on May 25 and will leave on May 28, staying at a Newcastle motel while here. Northern officials say they have been promised that Everton will field its top side for the Newcastle match—and that is how it should be.

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